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Noting that educators can help students have the positive experiences necessary to foster interest and growth in reading skills by guiding them toward the selection of library books at appropriate reading levels, this bibliography provides citations of high quality books for which a readability grade level has been determined using the Fry Readability Graph. The annotations are arranged by grade level readability with the interest level indicated after each title--primary, intermediate, and upper or junior high. (HTH)

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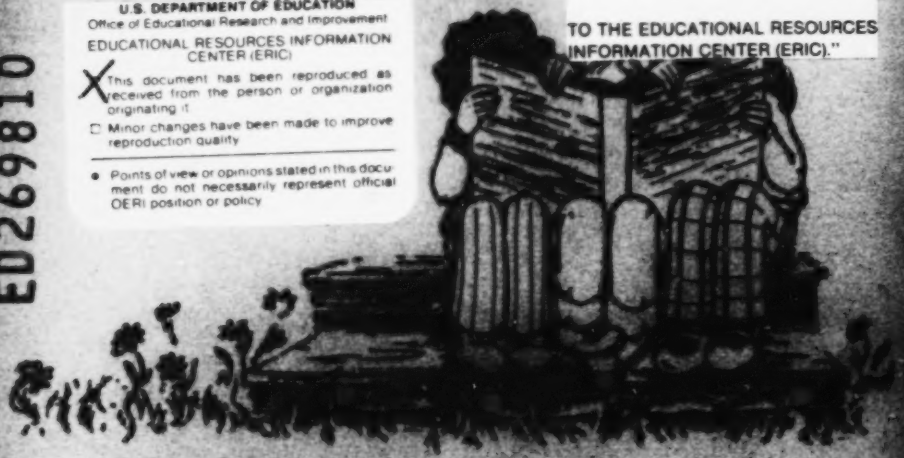

A Bibliography with GRADE LEVEL READABILITY

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FOREWORD

Children need positive experiences in reading and with books in order to want to read and to continue developing skill in reading. Educators can help students to have these positive experiences by guiding them toward the selection of library books at the appropriate reading level. The Children's Book Review Committee of the Instructional Resource Center – with the goal of providing high quality literature at the student's reading level – has determined the readability of selected fiction titles by using internationally known Edward Fry's Readability Graph. This annotated bibliography is arranged by grade level readability with the interest level indicated after each title (P-Primary; I-Intermediate; JH-Upper or Junior High).

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FIRST GRADE READABILITY

Berenstain, Stan
The spooky old tree. Random House, 1978 (P)

One by one, three brave little bears have second thoughts about exploring the interior of a spooky old tree.

Darling, Kathy
Paul and his little-big dog. Garrard, 1977 (P)

A young boy cares for an Irish wolfhound puppy and watches it grow and grow and grow.

Low, Joseph
Benny Rabbit and the owl. Greenwillow, 1978 (P)

Benny Rabbit's fear of the owl he thinks is in his closet is overcome with Father Rabbit and the owl.

Low, Joseph
My dog, your dog. Macmillan, 1978 (P)

Jimmy brags to his sister about the exemplary behavior of his dog while pretending her dog with dreadful behavior is not the same animal.

McNulty, Faith
Mouse and Tim. Harper, 1978 (P)

A boy and a mouse describe their relationship during the months they spend together.

Marshall, James
George and Martha, one fine day.
Houghton, 1978 (P)

Five episodes in the friendship of the two hippopotamuses.

Miles, Miska
Mouse Six. Dutton, 1978 (P)

Mouse Six inadvertently leads the community of animals to discover the secret of his mother's birthday.

Rockwell, Anne
Blackout. Macmillan, 1979 (P)

Dan and his family face hardship and danger when an ice storm causes a 3-day power failure in their town.

Zolotow, Charlotte
Someone new. Harper, 1978 (P)

A youngster discovers changes within himself as he matures and acquires new interests.

SECOND GRADE READABILITY

Berson, Harold
Joseph and the snake. Macmillan, 1979 (P)

Only a fox's cleverness saves Joseph from being eaten by the hungry and ungrateful snake whose life he saved.

Boegehold, Betty
Pippa pops out! Knopf, 1979 (P)

Four stories relate the adventures of Pippa Mouse and her animal friends.

Bornstein, Ruth
Annabelle. Crowell, 1978 (P)

A lonely toy chimpanzee finds adventure as she searches for her owner.

Brenner, Barbara
Wagon wheels. Harper, 1978 (P)

Shortly after the Civil War, a black family travels to Kansas to take advantage of the free land offered through the Homestead Act.

Carrick, Malcolm
Happy Jack. Harper, 1979 (P)

Happy Jack bumbles his way into a fortune and a wife.

Chadwick, Roxane
Don't shoot. Lerner, 1978 (I)

An Eskimo boy determines to devote his life to protecting Arctic polar bears from poachers.

Collins, David
The one bad thing about birthdays. Harcourt, 1981 (P)

A boy tries to decide what to wish for on his birthday.

Dahl, Roald
The chocolate touch. Morrow, 1979 (I)

A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.

Delton, Judy
Brimhall comes to stay. Lothrop, 1978 (P)

Bear welcomes the arrival of his cousin Brimhall to live with him, but Brimhall's eccentric habits soon tax Bear's hospitality.

De Regniers, Beatrice
Laura's story. Atheneum, 1979 (P)

Laura tells her mother a bedtime story about the perilous rescue of a tiny woman.

Kerr, M. E.
What I really think of you. Harper, 1982 (JH)

The daughter of charismatic Christians and the son of a television evangelist come to terms with their families and faiths.

McCaffrey, Anne
Dragondrums. Atheneum, 1979 (JH)

When his boy soprano voice begins to change, Piemur is drafted by Masterharper Robinton to help with political work and is sent on missions that lead him into unusual and sometimes dangerous adventures.

MacDonald, Reby Edmond
The ghosts of Austwick Manor. Atheneum, 1982 (I)

Hillary and Heather find themselves entering the sixteenth century as a direct result of their older brother Don's inheritance.

McGraw, Eloise Jarvis
Joel and the great Merlini. Pantheon, 1979 (I)

With a great deal of practice and help from an already accomplished magician, Joel perfects his magic act. Afterwards he wonders if it is too perfect.

McPhail, David
Pig Pig rides. Dutton, 1982 (P)

Over breakfast, Pig Pig informs his mother about all the wonderful feats he intends to accomplish that day, such as jumping 500 elephants on his motorcycle and driving a rocket to the moon.

Meddaugh, Susan
Too short Fred. Houghton, 1978 (P)

Five mini-stories recount the trials of being small.

Platt, Kin
Frank and Stein and me. Watts, 1982 (JH)

A young American basketball player wins a free trip to Paris, where he encounters smugglers and a strange doctor.

Prager, Annabelle
The surprise party. Pantheon 1977 (P)

A little boy tries to plan his own surprise birthday party.

Sharmat, Marjorie
Nate the Great and the missing key. Coward, 1981 (P)

Nate the Great and his dog Sludge look for Annie's housekey which has mysteriously disappeared.

Sharmat, Marjorie
Scarlet Monster lives here. Harper, 1979 (P)

New in the neighborhood, Scarlet Monster keeps herself so busy preparing for guests, she doesn't have time to realize her guests are waiting to visit.

Thaler, Mike
There's a hippopotamus under my bed. Watts, 1977 (P)

A youngster befriends an escaped hippopotamus that sooner or later must return to the zoo.

Weiss, Leatie
Funny feet. Watts, 1978 (P)

A pigeon-toed penguin, cheating on the corrective treatment she is undergoing for her handicap, suddenly tries to make up for lost time.

Weissman, Cynthia
Breakfast for Sammy. Four Winds, 1978 (P)

When Mama is sick, Herbert tries to prepare breakfast for his younger brother who insists that things be done just as Mama does them.

THIRD GRADE READABILITY

Adler, David
Cam Jansen and the mystery of the dinosaur bones. Viking, 1981 (I)

When she notices some bones missing from a dinosaur skeleton exhibited in the museum, a young girl with a photographic memory tries to discover who has been taking them and why.

Adler, David
Cam Jansen and the mystery of the stolen diamonds. Viking, 1980 (I)

A fifth-grader with a photographic memory, and her friend Eric, help solve the mystery of the stolen diamonds.

Benchley, Nathaniel
Walter, the homing pigeon. Harper, 1981 (P)

A homing pigeon loses a race when he decides to stop for a snack.

Bunting, Eve
The big red barn. Harcourt, 1979 (P)

A youngster's sense of security is threatened by the arrival of a stepmother and the destruction of the old red barn on her family's farm.

Carlson, Natalie Savage
Spooky night. Lothrop, 1982 (P)

A witch's black cat who wishes to become a family pet must perform one last bit of magic before he can be free.

De Paola, Tomie
Bill and Pete. Putnam, 1978 (P)

When William Everett Crocodile is chosen to be a suitcase, his talking toothbrush becomes his salvation.

De Paola, Tomie
Strega Nona's magic lessons. Harcourt, 1982 (P)

Big Anthony disguises himself as a girl in order to take magic lessons from Strega Nona.

Drescher, Joan
Max and Rufus. Houghton, 1982 (P)

A dog, Rufus, and his boy, Max, agree to change places for a while.

Fife, Dale
North of danger. Dutton, 1978 (I)

Twelve-year-old Arne undertakes a two-hundred-mile trip on skis to warn his father of a German invasion of their town on the Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard.

Freschet, Berniece
Possum baby. Putnam, 1978 (P)

Presents the life of a baby possum from his birth into his mother's pouch to his first experience "playing possum," after which he is on his own.

Greene, Constance C.
Your old pal, Al. Viking, 1979 (I-JH)

While Al impatiently awaits letters from her father and his new wife and from a boy named Brian, her relationship with her best friend is threatened by the arrival of a house guest.

Hawkins, Mark
A lion under her bed. Holt, 1978 (P)

At bedtime Molly tells her family about the lion under her bed, but they are quite sure she is just pretending.

Knotts, Howard
The summer cat. Harper, 1981 (P)

A small boy comes to accept that he can't keep a cat he loves when it belongs to someone else.

MacLachlan, Patricia
The sick day. Pantheon, 1979 (P)

Emily's father takes care of everything the day she has a "stomach ache in her head."

Morrison, Bill
Louis James hates school. Houghton, 1978 (P)

A young boy learns the value of formal education when he quits school to find a job.

Nicklaus, Carol
Harry the hider. Watts, 1979 (P)

Miranda can't think of a way to involve her cat, Harry, in the neighborhood circus, but Harry comes up with an idea himself.

Segal, Lore
Tell me a Trudy. Farrar, 1977 (P)

The author of Tell Me a Mitzi, revisits the odd, charmed realm of childhood where it's natural for what might be and what can't be to overlap.

Sharmat, Marjorie
Mr. Jameson and Mr. Phillips. Harper, 1979 (P)

Two friends go searching for a special place away from the pushing and shoving of the crowded cities but find it harder to get away than they thought.

Stevens, Carla
Trouble for Lucy. Houghton, 1979 (I)

As she and her family travel the Oregon Trail in 1843, Lucy's puppy persists in creating trouble.

Stevenson, James

The worst person in the world. Morrow, 1978 (P)

The meeting of the worst person in the world and the ugliest person in the world has some unexpected results.

Toye, William
The loon's necklace. Oxford, 1977 (P)

This Tsimshian Indian legend tells how a blind man regained his sight by swimming on a loon's back under the lake.

Van Horn, William
Harry Hoyle's giant jumping bean. Atheneum, 1978 (P)

Harry's seventy-two room collection of things is imperiled by a dangerous jumping bean.

Viorst, Judith
Alexander, who used to be rich last Sunday. Atheneum, 1978 (P)

Alexander and his money are quickly parted, yet he realizes there are many things a dollar can do.

Williams, Barbara
A Valentine for Cousin Archie. Dutton, 1981 (P)

Responding to the anonymous Valentine he receives, Cousin Archie sets off a whole chain of Valentine giving.

Bates, Betty
Picking up the pieces. Holiday, 1981 (I)

Neil has loved Dexter since first grade, but once they reach junior high and he begins to change, she must decide how strong her feelings are.

Beatty, Patricia
Lacy makes a match. Morrow, 1979 (I)

A thirteen-year-old living in a turn-of-the-century California mining town determines to marry off her adoptive brothers and discover the identity of her real parents.

Bradley, Michael
The shaping room. Dodd, 1978 (I-JH)

Seeking an escape from his dominating sister, the neighborhood bully, and himself, Stephan Barley learns the shaping of dreams from his sculpture professor.

Chaikin, Miriam
I should worry, I should care. Harper, 1979 (I)

A young Jewish girl and her family adjust to a new neighborhood and new friends at a time when the radio is telling of Hitler's rise to power in Europe.

Clymer, Eleanor
My mother is the smartest woman in the world. Atheneum, 1982 (I)

Kathleen decides that her mother is so good at solving problems that she should run for mayor of their village.

Cohen, Burton
Nelson makes a face. Lothrop, 1978 (P)

A fairy godmother attempts to reform a mischievous little boy by freezing three expressions on his face.

Colman, Hila
Rachel's legacy. Morrow, 1978 (I-JH)

Seven years after her mother dies, 17-year-old Ellie Levine learns her mother left a will, never executed, which could relieve the poverty existence of Ellie and her father during the Depression.

Cone, Molly
Call me Moose. Houghton, 1978 (I-JH)

A shy, bookish young girl's decision to live up to her nickname exasperates and astonishes her family and friends.

Danziger, Paula
The pistachio prescription. Delacorte, 1978 (I-JH)

A high school "freshperson" attempts to rise above such inconveniences of life as her older sister, parents, and school.

De Paola, Tomie
The clown of God. Harcourt, 1978 (P-I)

A once-famous Italian juggler, now old and a beggar, gives one final performance before a statue of Our Lady and the Holy Child.

Doty, Roy
Old One-Eye meets his match. Lothrop, 1978 (P)

A mouse named Leonardo flees the city's pollution, only to discover that his country cousins suffer a worse threat--a despotic rat who controls the food supply.

Duncan, Lois
Stranger with my face. Little, 1981 (JH)

A seventeen-year-old senses she is being spied on and probably impersonated, but when she discovers what actually is occurring, it is more unbelieveable than she ever imagined.

Fox, Paula
The little swineherd and other tales. Dutton, 1978 (I)

Six short stories include: The Duck and the Goose, The Little Swineherd, The Rooster Who Could Not See Enough of Himself, Circles and Straight Lines, The Alligator Who Told the Truth, The Raccoon's Song.

Gerson, Corinne
How I put my mother through college. Atheneum, 1981 (JH)

When Jess' newly divorced mother decides to go back to college, Jess, in a reversal of roles, listens to her ideas and advises her on her problems.

Hurmence, Belinda
A girl called boy. Clarion, 1982 (JH)

A pampered young black girl who has been mysteriously transported back to the days of slavery, struggles to escape her bondage.

Kibbe, Pat
My mother the mayor, maybe. Knopf, 1981 (U-JH)

When Dorothy Pinkerton agrees to run for mayor of Cranberry Falls, her children, especially ten-year-old B.J., do all they can to help her win.

Kraus, Robert
Springfellow. Windmill, 1978 (P)

Springfellow's one desire is to run and play with his fellow colts, but it seems he will never stop falling down on his wobbly young legs.

Krensky, Stephen
The perils of Putney. Atheneum, 1978 (I-JH)

When the disappearance of the world's only Fair Damsel upsets the balance of peace, a giant with no experience as a hero agrees to search for her.

Levy, Elizabeth
Frankenstein moved in on the fourth floor. Harper, 1979 (I)

Robert and Sam suspect their weird new neighbor is really Frankenstein.

Mazer, Harry
The island keeper. Delacorte, 1981 (I)

Longing to disappear after the death of her beloved younger sister, sixteen-year-old Cleo runs away from her overprotective and oppressive family and goes to a remote island where she is the only human inhabitant.

Morey, Walt
Sandy and the rock star. Dutton, 1979 (I-JH)

Running away from his overly protective parents and restricted life, a teenage singing star finds himself on a remote island where he befriends a tame but frightened cougar that he determines to protect from a vicious hunter.

Myers, Walter Dean
Mojo and the Russians. Viking, 1977 (I-JH)

A little bit of Mojo goes a long way for a group of youngsters trying to protect their friend from some suspicious characters.

Riley, Jocelyn
Only my mouth is smiling. Morrow, 1982 (I)

Three children are caught in the cross-fire between a mentally unstable mother and a rigidly harsh grandmother.

Sharmat, Marjorie W.
Mysteriously yours, Maggie Marmelstein. Harper, 1982 (I)

Named the mystery column writer for the school newspaper, Maggie revels in the power she can exert.

Thompson, Jean
Brother of the wolves. Morrow, 1978 (I)

An Indian boy, discovered in a wolf den by a Sioux medicine man, struggles to win acceptance into his adopted village.

Weber, Judith Eichler
Lights, camera, cats! Lothrop, 1978 (I-JH)

A twelve-year-old girl auditions five cats for a television commercial advertising a brand of cat food that is the top rival of her father's company.

FIFTH GRADE READABILITY

Angell, Judie
Ronnie and Rosey. Bradbury, 1977, (I-JH)

Just when things are looking up for thirteen-year-old Ronnie, her father dies, creating a void she and her mother have trouble filling.

Baker, Betty
Save Sirrushany! Macmillan, 1978 (I-JH)

A young girl goes on a quest to save the impoverished kingdom of Sirrushany.

Bodger, Joan
Clever-Lazy, the girl who invented herself. Atheneum, 1979 (I)

A fledgling inventor concentrates so hard on developing her genius, she almost forgets the teachings of the Goddess in the Dancing Mountains.

Brooks, Jerome
The testing of Charlie Hammelman. Dutton, 1977 (I-JH)

The death of his teacher and only confidante forces a high school junior to face the crises in his life, reach out to others, and become the best person he can.

Hildick, E. W.
The case of the bashful bank robber.
Macmillan, 1981 (I)

The McGurk Detective Organization joins forces with the FBI to capture a bank robber.

Houston, James
Frozen fire. Atheneum, 1977 (I-JH)

Determined to find his father who has been lost in a storm, a young boy and his Eskimo friend brave wind storms, starvation, wild animals, and wild men during their search in the Canadian Arctic.

Hunter, Mollie A.
The third eye. Harper, 1979 (JH)

Jinty's intuitive sense, her third eye, brings her close to the old Earl as he struggles with the Ballinford doom.

Howe, Deborah
Bunnicula. Atheneum, 1979 (I-JH)

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.

Hurwitz, Johanna
Aldo ice cream. Morrow, 1981 (I)

Nine-year-old Aldo discovers the pleasures of doing volunteer work to help the older citizens of the community and the satisfactions of earning his first money on his own for unselfish reasons.

Johnson, Annabel
An alien music. Four Winds, 1982 (JH)

Sixteen-year-old Jesse relates the experience of the Sky-Lab Seven crew as they become the sole survivors of the dying planet Earth only to have their plans to colonize Mars irreversibly shattered.

King-Smith, Dick
The mouse butcher. Viking, 1981 (I-JH)

On an island inhabited solely by cats, expert hunter, Tom Plug, hires himself out to the aristocratic but very hungry Bampton-Bush family as provider of food.

Lasker, Joe
The strange voyage of Neptune's car. Viking, 1977 (I)

Young Mary Anne Patten becomes the first woman to command a clipper ship when her husband, the ship's captain, falls ill during the hazardous voyage around Cape Horn and she is the only one aboard capable of navigating.

Little, Mary E.
Old Cat and the kitten. Atheneum, 1979 (I)

When his family moves, Joel knows he can't take his adopted tomcat along or turn him loose again.

Lovejoy, Jack
The rebel witch. Lothrop, 1978 (I-JH)

With the powerful Wand of the Necromancers in her possession, an apprentice witch tries to prevent the restoration of the days of the dark lore.

Milcsik, Margie
Cupid computer. Atheneum, 1981 (JH)

Toni tries to outwit a computer to land the date she wants for her school's Valentine's dance, only to discover the computer knows best.

O'Dell, Scott
Sarah Bishop. Houghton, 1980 (I)

Left alone after the deaths of her father and brother who take opposite sides in the War of Independence, the fleeing from the British who seek to arrest her, Sarah Bishop struggles to shape a new life for herself in the wilderness.

Peck, Robert Newton
Soup for president. Knopf, 1978 (I-JH)

Rob manages Soup's campaign for class president in their small Vermont town.

Peck, Robert Newton
Soup's drum. Knopf, 1980 (I-JH)

Rob totes Soup's huge drum through the Fourth of July parade before he realizes Soup hasn't carried his share. Before the close of the celebration, Rob gets even.

Quackenbush, Robert
Along came the Model T. Parents, 1978 (I)

A biography of the developer of the first lightweight, inexpensive automobile.

Sebestyen, Ouida
IOU's. Little, 1982 (JH)

Thirteen-year-old Stowe Garrett is caught between the loyalty and love he feels for his mother and a yearning to break free and experiment with life.

Sobol, Donald J.
Encyclopedia Brown sets the pace. Four Winds, 1982 (I)

More mysterious cases for "America's Sherlock Holmes in sneakers" to solve for the standard twenty-five-cent fee.

Witter, Evelyn
The mystery of the missing bicycles, Children's Press, 1978 (P-I)

Quick thinking helps three youngsters when they stumble upon a mystery in an old carriage home.

Yolen, Jane H.
The gift of Sarah Barker. Viking, 1981 (I)

Two young members of a Shaker community begin to question their way of life and that of "The World."

SIXTH GRADE READABILITY

Aiken, Joan
The shadow guests. Delacorte, 1980 (I)

A young boy arrives at his cousin's home in England unprepared for the supernatural furor his presence unleashes.

Brady, Irene
Doodlebug. Houghton, 1977 (I)

A young girl finds that the injured, disheveled pony she buys out of pity at an auction is really the black stallion of her dreams.

Byars, Betsy
The cartoonist. Viking, 1978 (I-JH)

Threatened with the loss of his private place in the attic of his crowded home, a young boy determines to keep it at all costs.

Carner, Chas
Tawny. Macmillan, 1978 (I-JH)

Twelve-year-old Trey Landry, adjusting to the death of his twin brother, adopts and cares for an injured doe.

Clifford, Eth
The rocking chair rebellion. Houghton, 1978 (I-JH)

A teenager chronicles her involvement with the residents of Maple Ridge Home for the Aged and their revolution.

Collier, James Lincoln
The winter hero. Four Winds, 1978 (I-JH)

Anxious to be a hero, a young boy relates how he becomes involved in Shay's Rebellion begun by farmers.

Eyerly, Jeannette
If I loved you Wednesday. Lippincott, 1980 (I-JH)

Seventeen-year-old Dennis presents a ring to his first love, his substitute English teacher whose first name he doesn't even know.

Hahn, Mary Downing
The time of the witch. Clarion, 1982 (JH)

Laura tells an old woman of her wish that her parents were back together again, without realizing that she is speaking to a real witch.

Healey, Larry
The claw of the bear. Watts, 1978 (I)

Fifteen-year-old Jimmy tries to solve the murder of four campers in a New England state park and becomes convinced that it was not the work of the bears.

Hicks, Clifford
Alvin Fernald, TV anchorman. Holt, 1980 (I)

When Alvin takes a regular spot on a news show, he helps solve an eleven-year-old crime.

Hildick, E. W.
The case of the invisible dog. Macmillan, 1977 (I)

The McGurk Organization's four young detectives match wits with a nine-year-old scientific genius to unravel the mystery of the "invisible dog."

Huddy, Delia
Time piper. Morrow, 1976 (I)

A beautiful and remote village girl follows Luke when he leaves for London to work with the inventor of a revolutionary time machine.

Karl, Jean E.
Beloved Benjamin is waiting. Dutton, 1978 (JH)

Hounded by a gang of kids after her mother's disappearance leaves her on her own, Lucinda hides in the abandoned caretaker's house in the local cemetery where she makes contact with intelligent beings from another galaxy.

Gordon, Shirley
Crystal is my friend. Harper, 1978 (P)

When Susan invites Crystal to spend the night, both learn the meaning of friendship.

Hickman, Martha
I'm moving. Abingdon, 1974 (P)

William explains what he has brought with him and what he has to leave behind when his family moves to a new house.

Hutchins, Pat
The best train set ever. Greenwillow, 1978 (P)

Three stories about a little boy's birthday, a Halloween party, and a Fourth of July Christmas party.

Keats, Ezra Jack
The trip. Greenwillow, 1978 (P)

Missing his old neighborhood, Louie constructs a shoebox scene and pretends to fly through it to visit his friends.

Mackellar, William
The witch of Glen Gowrie. Dodd, 1978 (I-JH)

A young Scottish boy doesn't believe in witches until he meets the old woman who lives in Glen Gowrie with her many animals.

Mahy, Margaret
The haunting. Atheneum, 1982 (JH)

After a shy and rather withdrawn eight-year-old begins receiving frightening supernatural images and messages, he learns about a family legacy which could be considered a curse or a rare gift.

Murphy, Shirley Rousseau
The flight of the fox. Atheneum, 1978 (JH)

With the help of his friends, Rory, a wandering kangaroo rat, restores a model of a Fairey Fox airplane to fly on his travels and foils a flock of starlings that has overrun the town.

Park, Barbara
Skinnybones. Knopf, 1982 (I-JH)

Alex's active sense of humor helps him get along with the school braggart, make the most of his athletic talents and simply get by in a hectic world.

Peck, Robert Newton
Banjo. Knopf, 1982 (JH)

While doing research for a school essay about a reclusive old mountain man, two boys fall into an abandoned mine shaft from which only the old man can rescue them.

Roberts, Willo Davis
The Minden Curse. Atheneum, 1978 (I-JH)

When Danny goes to a small village to live with his aunt and grandfather, it soon becomes apparent that he and his dog are afflicted with the Minden Curse.

Rodowsky, Colby F.
Evy-ivy-over. Watts, 1978 (I-JH)

Mary Rose October, better known as Slug, goes to live with her grandmother who has the power of ESP.

Simon, Seymour
Einstein Anderson. Viking, 1980 (I)

Adam "Einstein" Anderson uses his knowledge of science to discover the cause of a shrinking table, win a bet with Pat the Brat, uncover a UFO hoax, and solve other scientific riddles.

SEVENTH GRADE READABILITY

Burchard, Peter
Whaleboat raid. Coward, 1977 (I-JH)

A sixteen-year-old boy guides a flotilla of American whaleboats across Long Island Sound to raid British-occupied Sag Harbor.

Christopher, Matt
Football fugitive. Little, 1976 (I-JH)

Representing a pro football player whom his son admires, brings a lawyer closer to his young son.

Clark, Margaret Goff
Barney and the UFO. Dodd, 1979 (I)

Barney is afraid to tell his foster parents that he has seen a UFO behind the house even when a hasty promise to a space boy leads him into trouble.

Freeman, Barbara Constance
A haunting air. Dutton, 1976 (I-JH)

A mysterious singing in the garden of the house next door sets a young girl delving into the past to discover its meaning and its source.

Keith, Harold
The obstinate land. Crowell, 1977 (JH)

During a hard winter, the father of a pioneering German family settling the Cherokee strip in Oklahoma, freezes to death and his fourteen-year-old son must assume responsibility for the struggling family.

Madison, Winifred
The Genessee Queen. Delacorte, 1977 (JH)

When their volatile mother decides to leave their father, Monica and her sister reluctantly accompany her to a small island off the coast of Canada.

Peck, Robert Newton
Hub. Knopf, 1979 (I-JH)

When their teacher enters the annual Chump's Landing Overland Obstacle Bicycle Race, Horace Hubert and his best friend Spooner Jitwell do everything they can to make sure she wins the silver trophy.

Raskin, Ellen
The Westing game. Dutton, 1978 (I-JH)

The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

Shura, Mary Francis
The gray ghosts of Taylor Ridge. Dodd, 1978 (I)

Nat's pesty little sister, Nan, blackmails him into going to Taylor Ridge where, an old man tells them, gray ghosts come "chinking" after dark.

EIGHTH GRADE READABILITY

Curry, Jane Louise
The Bassumtyte treasure. Atheneum, 1978 (I-JH)

When he goes to live with his cousin at the family's ancestral home, a ten-year-old boy finds a secret room and clues that could help unravel the riddle of the family treasure.

Hassler, Jon
Jemmy. Atheneum, 1980 (I)

Seventeen-year-old Jemmy struggles to fight her way out of poverty and to discover her identity as an Indian, a woman, and an artist.

Madison, Winifred
Call me Danica. Four Winds, 1977 (JH)

A young girl and her family move from a small Croatian village to Vancouver and have many problems adjusting to a new culture.

Newman, Robert
The case of the Somerville secret. Atheneum, 1981 (I)

Andrew and Sara help an inspector from Scotland Yard uncover the identity of a murderer and a monster associated with Lord Somerville, an Assyriologist.

Newman, Robert
The case of the threatened king.
Atheneum, 1982 (JH)

When Sara Wiggins and a friend disappear, Andrew and Inspector Wyatt's investigation leads to discovery of a ploy against a visiting king.